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SUBJ: RE-FORMATION OF GOVERNMENT

1. PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE ANNOUNCED FOLLOWING CHANGES
IN GOVERNMENT COMPOSITION THIS AFTERNOON:

(A) ORLA MOLLER TO DEFENSE MINISTRY REPLACING KJELD
OLESEN
(B) SVEND JAKOBSEN TO MINISTRY OF HOUSING REPLACING
HELGE NIELSEN
(C) MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AND BUDGET AFFAIRS WILL BE
DIVIDED WITH KNUD HEINESEN TAKING BUDGET MINISTRY AND
PER HAEKKERUP REMAINING AS MINISTER FRO ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
(D) RITT BJERREGAARD TO MINISTRY OF EDUCATION REPLACING
KNUD HEINESEN
(E) KARL HJORTNAES TO MINISTRY OF JUSTICE REPLACING
K. ZXEL NIELSEN
(F) HELGE NIELSEN TO NEW MINISTRY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AND PLANNING
(G) MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE IB FREDERIKSEN WILL ALSO
ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR MINISTRY OF FISHERIES
REPLACING CHRISTIAN THOMSEN
CHANGE IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. NEW MINISTERS (ALL
SOCIAL DEMOCRATS) ARE BEING PRESENTED TO QUEEN THIS
AFTERNOON.

2. THIS RE-FORMATION OF ANKER JORGENSEN'S SOCIAL
DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT REPRESENTS A DEFINITE SHIFT
IN FAVOR OF THE PARTY'S LEFT WING. OF THE THREE NEW
MEMBERS, HJORTNAES AND BJERREGAARD WERE LEADING
MEMBERS OF THE ANTI-EC MOVEMENT WITHIN THE PARTY AND
ARE MEMBERS OF THE SO-CALLED "COFFEE CLUB" OF LEFT-WING
MPS AND MINISTERS LED BY IVAR NORGAAARD AND KNUD HEINESEN.
JAKOBSEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE PARLIAMENT'S HOUSING COMMITTEE, IS NOT
ALIGNED WITH ANY FACTON WITHIN THE PARTY. IT SHOULD
BE NOTED THAT BJERREGAARD AND HJORTNAES ARE ASSUMING
PORTFOLIOS THAT HAVE LITTLE REAL POWER; ON THE OTHER
HAND HEINESEN'S ASSUMPTION OF HAEKKERUP'S BUDGET
RESPONSIBILITIES GIVES THE LEFT-WING FACTION A MAJOR
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POWER POST. ORLA MOLLER'S APPOINTMENT TO DEFENSE
MINISTRY REPRESENTS A DEFINITE DOWNGRADING OR SHELFING
OF MOLLER, WHO HAS IN PAST MONTHS BEEN ANKER JORGENSEN'S
PRIMARY OPPOIENT. HE WILL BE ABLE TO EXERT ONLY
LIMITED INFLUENCE IN DEFENSE POST SINCE THE DEFENSE
REFORM OF LAST SPRING LARGELY DETERMINES BASIC POLICY
FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS. RETIREMENTS OF K.AXEL
NIELSEN AND CHRISTIAN THOMSEN HAVE BEEN EXPECTED, AND

KJELD OLESEN'S TRANSFER TO NEW POST AS VICE-CHAIRMAN
OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY WAS ASSURED AFTER THIS ELECTION
AT LAST WEEK'S PARTY CONGRESS.

3. AS DEFENSE MINISTER ORLA MOLLER WILL BE FORCED TO
LEAVE POST AS PARLIAMENTARY GROUP CHAIRMAN. THIS POSITION,
A MAJOR POWER POST WITHIN PARTY, WILL BE FILLED BY
ELECTION WITHIN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GROUP WHEN PARLIAMENT
RECONVENES OCT 2. IT IS PROBABLE THAT TIMING OF
GOVERNMENT RE-FORMATION, NOT EXPECTED UNTIL NOVEMBER,
WAS DETERMINED BY PRIME MINISTER'S DESIRE TO HAVE NEW GROUP
CHAIRMAN FUNCTIONING FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE
PARLIAMENTARY SESSION.

4. CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT SHOULD HAVE NO EFFECT ON DANISH
POLICY WITHIN EC SINCE IVAR NORGAARD REMAINS MINISTER
FOR FOREIGN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND K.B. ANDERSEN REMAINS
FOREIGN MINISTER.

5. BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON NEW MINISTERS FOLLOWS
BY SEPTEMBER.
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